

Supplemental Appropriations for Veterans Medical Services: H.R. 3130, making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for veterans medical services, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 363.

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Fourth of July District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 198, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 6 p.m. on the third Constitutional day thereafter unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 198, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that resolution.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 13.

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Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on International Relations have until midnight on July 8 to file a report on H.R. 2601.

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Congratulating the San Antonio Spurs: The House agreed to H. Res. 339, congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2005 National Basketball Association Championship.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf, or if he is not available to perform this duty, Representative Tom Davis of Virginia, to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 11.

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Report Vacated: Agreed that the filing of the report by the Committee on Science to accompany H.R. 1158, and the referral thereof to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, are vacated.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas-and-nays votes and 13 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5509–10, H5510, H5511, H5511–12, H5512, H5512–13, H5513–14, H5537, H5537–38, H5538, H5539, H5539–40, H5540, H5556–57, H5569–70, H5592, H5593, and H5593–94. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 12:07 a.m. on Friday, July 1, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 198, stands adjourned until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in that resolution, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 11.

Committee Meetings

PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered favorably reported, as amended, H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005.

ZERO DOWNPAYMENT PILOT PROGRAM ACT OF 2005

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 3043, Zero Downpayment Pilot Program Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

NEXT FLU PANDEMIC—U.S. READINESS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “The Next Flu Pandemic: Evaluating U.S. Readiness.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: James W. Leduc, Director, Division of Viral and Rickettsial Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and Bruce Gellin, M.D., Director, National Vaccine Planning Office; Marcia Crosse, Director, Health Care Issues, GAO and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered favorably reported H.R. 3100, East Asia Security Act of 2005.

The Committee approved a motion authorizing the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 2017, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2005; H. Con. Res. 168, amended, Condemning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the abductions and continued captivity of citizens of the Republic of Korea and Japan as acts of terrorism and gross violations of human rights; H. Con. Res. 175, Acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas with an emphasis on descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean, recognizing the injustices suffered by these African descendants, and recommending that the United States and the international community work to improve the situation of Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean; H. Con. Res. 191, amended, Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War; H. Res. 328, amended, Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the workers' strikes in Poland in 1980 that led to the establishment of the Solidarity Trade Union; H.

Res. 333, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Weekend of Prayer and Reflection for Darfur, Sudan; and H. Res. 343, Commending the State of Kuwait for granting women certain important political rights.

G-8 SUMMIT AND AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on The G-8 Summit and Africa's Development. Testimony was heard from Paul Reid, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; Robert Pittman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Development, Finance, and Debt, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

NONPROLIFERATION AND THE G-8 SUMMIT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing on Nonproliferation and the G-8. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURE ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND COURT PROTECTION ACT; TERRORIST DEATH PENALTY ENHANCEMENT ACT; STREAMLINED PROCEDURES ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1751, Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act of 2005.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3060, Terrorist Death Penalty Enhancement Act of 2005; and H.R. 3035, Streamlined Procedures Act. Testimony was heard from Barry M. Sabin, Chief of Counterterrorism Section for the Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—IMMIGRATION REMOVAL PROCEDURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled "Immigration Removal Procedures Implemented in the Aftermath of the September 11th Attacks." Testimony was heard from Lily Swenson, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Joseph Greene, Director, Training and Development, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—POTENTIAL OIL SOURCES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources concluded oversight hearings entitled "The Vast North American Resource Potential of Oil Shale, Oil Sands, and Heavy Oils—Part 2." Testimony was heard from Theodore K. Barna, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Advance Systems and Concepts, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense; Mark Maddox, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; and Chad Calvert, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior.

OVERSIGHT—HEALTH CARE BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' necessity to reprogram \$1 billion to the medical services account in Fiscal Years 2005 and its implication for Fiscal Year 2006. Testimony was heard from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

CAFTA IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered favorably reported H.R. 3045, Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D635-636)

H.R. 483, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the "Reynaldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse". Signed on June 29, 2005. (Public Law 109-16).

S. 643, to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to reauthorize State mediation programs. Signed on June 29, 2005. (Public Law 109-17).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 2965, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2005, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.